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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

CHRISTOPH KRELL

APPLICATION NO: 10/588,169

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FOR: COUPLING REACTIONS USEFUL IN THE PREPARATION OF (1H-TETRAZOL-5-YL)BIPHENYL DERIVATIVES

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2009 having a shortened statutory period for response to expire on February 9, 2009. A one month petition for extension of time is enclosed herewith.

Claims 1-39 are subject to restriction.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I directed to Claims 1-16 drawn to a process for preparing a compound of formula (I) .

Applicants also elect the species 5-(4'-[1,3]dioxan-2-yl-biphenyl-2-yl)-2-(1-methyl-1-phenyl-ethyl)-2H-tetrazole. This species is described in Example 1 on page 16 of Applicants specification. Claims 1-16 are believed to be readable thereupon.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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